Department: Health and Welfare
Division: Healthcare Policy Initiatives
Program: Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Description: Graduate Medical Education - Rescission

Sponsor(s):
Senator Lee
Senator Agenbroad
Rep Wintrow
Rep Amador
Rep Troy

1. Background:

The Healthcare Policy Initiatives Program requests a \$375,000 rescission in ongoing trustee and benefit payments for the portion of the appropriation that was provided for Graduate Medical Education (GME) at Idaho State University. In FY 2018, the Governor recommended an ongoing appropriation from the General Fund and federal funds for additional medical residency program support to address Idaho's physician shortage. The increase in graduate medical education funding was recommended and appropriated to expand programs at the Boise Family Medicine Residency Program, the Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency Program, and the University of Washington Internal Medicine Program. The recommended funding totaled \$2,425,000 and was split between the Office of the State Board of Education (\$1,550,000 in General Fund) and the Department of Health and Welfare (\$251,500 in General Fund, \$623,500 in federal funds). The recommendation for the Department of Health and Welfare consisted of Medicaid allowable expenses, whereas the recommendation for the Office of the State Board of Education consists of non-allowable Medicaid expenses. However, shortly after the appropriation was set, it became apparent that ISU would not be able to use the federal match. The Department of Health and Welfare and ISU tried to find workable solutions throughout FY 2018. However, when no solution was identified, the department, with support from the Division of Financial Management, provided only the General Fund to ISU because ISU had already hired individuals to support new residencies, even though it contradicted the Governor's recommendation and the action taken by JFAC.

2. Agency Request:

Fund	Туре	ОТ	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0220-03	Gen		0.00	0	0	0	(107,800)	0	(\$107,800)
0220-02	Fed		0.00	0	0	0	(267,200)	0	(\$267,200)
TOTAL			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$375,000)	\$0	(\$375,000)